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Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 11	Nicaragua .....	19	5	0	0
15	Alabama .....	17	0	0	0

PANAMA.

*Vessels entering Panama required to have bills of health visaed by officers of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.*

It having been reported that masters of some vessels coming to Panama declined to accept papers furnished by United States medical officers, on the ground that such papers were not demanded by the authorities at Panama, Chargé d'Affaires W. W. Russell, by instruction of the Department of State, informed the Government of Panama that the effectiveness of the work of the United States consular and medical officers on behalf of Panama would depend almost entirely upon the enforcement of the requirement that masters of vessels shall produce as a condition to entry to the port of entry of Panama bills of health and certificates of disinfection issued by such officers. In accordance with this representation the Panama Government replied as follows:

"Orders have been given to the port authorities to prohibit the entrance of vessels unless they carry bills of health issued by Panama consuls or consuls acting for Panama at the southern ports of the west coast and visaed by the medical officers of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States stationed at said ports and attached to the American consulates. In the cities of Guayaquil and Valparaiso United States consuls are acting for Panama. In Callao there is a Panama consul, but he has instructions to have all bills of health that he issues signed by the medical officers of the above-mentioned service."

*Assistant Surgeon Pierce appointed health officer in charge of quarantine service at the port of Panama.*

For the protection of the Canal Zone, on account of the presence of plague in Peru and Chile and on request of the Department of State, the Panama Government on May 21 appointed Assistant Surgeon Claude Pierce, United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, health officer in charge of the quarantine service at the port of Panama.

*Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.*

Surgeon Perry reports, May 16, as follows:

During the week ended May 14, 1904: British steamship *Comedian*, for New Orleans, May 10, with 41 crew and no passengers; American steamship *Alliance*, for New York, May 11, with 64 crew and 94 passengers, and the Spanish steamship *P. de Satrustigui*, for Ponce, Porto Rico, May 12, with 105 crew and 65 passengers.